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## **FEE FILER MANDATORY FOR FY 2009 REGULATORY FEES**

In its *FY 2009 Regulatory Fee Report and Order*<sup>1</sup>, the Commission has instituted the mandatory use of the Commission's Fee Filer System beginning in FY 2009. Fee Filer is the FCC system designed to capture information regarding a regulatee or licensee's regulatory fee obligation. The first step in this year's process is that licensees filing their annual regulatory fee payments would be required to access the Commission's Fee Filer System. In order to access Fee Filer you must have a valid FRN and password. Once you have successfully accessed Fee Filer, you will have the ability to review, create, update, or change your fees. The second step is to decide on a payment method, including online payment with a credit card, online payment from a bank account, mailing a check, or sending a wire; instructions have been provided for you at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html#how>. Fee Filer will print a Form 159-E for users who do not wish to pay online.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to determine the full extent of their regulatory fee obligation. In addition, the *FY 2009 Report and Order* also concluded that in FY 2009 regulatory fee bills will no longer be mailed to the regulatee, but can be viewed by logging onto Fee Filer<sup>2</sup> at ([www.fcc.gov/feefiler](http://www.fcc.gov/feefiler)), or from the left side of the FCC Fees page, by clicking on the link (<http://www.fcc.gov/fees>).

Although Fee Filer is a self-reporting tool, the Fee Filer program is able to populate the various fee categories using a particular or associated FRN. However, regardless of the data populated in Fee Filer, the filer is still responsible for reporting and paying for all regulatory fees owed, irrespective of whether all of these fees are identified using this feature. All 2009 regulatory fees should be paid through the *Regulatory Fees* section of Fee Filer, regardless of whether a bill for the fees was issued by the FCC.

### **Due Date for Paying Regulatory Fees is September 22, 2009**

FY 2009 regulatory fees are due by September 22, 2009. Payments received after 11:59 p.m. ET on September 22, 2009 will be assessed a 25% late payment fee.

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<sup>1</sup> See Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2009, *Report and Order*, 74 FR at 40092, paragraphs 19-23 (August 11, 2009).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* paragraphs 24-26.

### **Updated Features for Easier Filing**

In 2009, Fee Filer remains basically the same as in 2008, but with greater enhanced features relating to billed fee categories. Enhancements are evident in the new Search for FRN feature, which allows users to enter search criteria (Call Sign or Facility ID) and find the associated FRN. This benefits users who wish to use Fee Filer's Auto-Add feature, which pre-populates fee information for a given FRN. The Search for FRN link can be accessed from the screen that prompts the user to enter the Licensee FRN and Licensee Name.

In addition, users who are adding or editing Interstate Telecommunications Service Provider (ITSP) fee details can now view, add or edit their fee details in an online Form 159-W, which is the Interstate Telephone Service Provider Worksheet.

### **For Further Assistance**

The Financial Operations Help Desk (1-877-480-3201, option (4)) can provide assistance with Fee Filer and is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET on business days. You can also e-mail your questions to: [arinquiries@fcc.gov](mailto:arinquiries@fcc.gov).

### **Internet Browser Requirements for Using Fee Filer**

Fee Filer is available to any FCC customer with Internet access using the following browsers: (1) Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher or (2) Mozilla Firefox 2.0 or higher with SSL and JavaScript enabled.

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